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The province of Ontario welcomes tourists

The Ontario Human Rights Commission offers its facilities to help ensure you an enjoyable visit.

Your rights

The Ontario Human Rights Code is a law which provides for fair and equal treatment of all visitors in all places to which the public is customarily admitted: summer resorts, restaurants, hotels, motels, beaches, swimming pools, theatres, bowling alleys, taverns, barber shops, beauty parlours, and other establishments. Look for the poster card in a public establishment. It indicates that the owner adheres to the Code.

Proprietor's rights

The Code permits proprietors to apply standards of appropriate dress, proper demeanour, financial responsibility, proper use of facilities, *provided he applies the same standards to all*. He must judge every visitor as an individual. The Code does not compel a proprietor to accept ANY person who presents himself.

The Code prohibits a proprietor from setting a policy of automatic exclusion of ALL members of any particular ethnic, racial or religious group.

Enlightened community

As a community, Ontario residents have learned to judge and accept one another as individuals. We are a community with fair accommodation laws, and so persons of different racial, religious and national origins have been working together and attending public places together for years. Experience has shown that in Ontario public opinion strongly supports human rights and fair practices. Most proprietors learned long ago that a varied clientele provides a better economic base for the operation of any business, and assures the owner of an ever-widening circle of customers.

If you strike an exception

If you consider that you have suffered discrimination, you should lodge a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The eleven offices of the Commission, placed in all regions of the province, are listed on the back of this pamphlet. From these offices you can also obtain copies of the Code and pamphlets describing the role of the Commission in handling complaints. Complaint forms are also available at border crossing points, tourist information centres, chambers of commerce, Ontario Provincial Police local offices, and offices of the Ontario Ministry of Labour.



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